

TV series on brain injury to air soon

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"Coping With Brain Injury," a television series on aspects of living with brain injury, begins airing Thursday, Oct. 19, on UCSD-TV.

Caregiving strategies for the brain-injured are the subject of the first program in the four-part series. The second is about rehabilitation through robots. Brain-injured students and education are profiled in the third program, and the last deals with life after brain injury.

The series was produced by the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation, and will be broadcast over the air at UHF channel 35, and on cable on Cox Digital channel 135 and Time Warner Channel 18. The series is also available on DVD. It was funded by WowWee.com, a maker of consumer robotic products.

In related news, the Brain Injury Foundation holds its annual picnic on Oct. 14 in the Pepper Grove area of Balboa Park.

On Oct. 22, the foundation holds its sixth annual Friendraiser fundraiser. The event takes place on the UC San Diego campus at Friend Plaza from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$50 per person. It includes food, wine, art, music, entertainment and a silent auction.

The foundation also sponsors speakers in North County, meeting at Scripps Hospital Encinitas in the Conference Center. The next meeting is set for Nov. 11 and concerns legal issues.

On Dec. 16, the foundation will hold its holiday party at the Joyce Beers Community Center in Hillcrest.

More information on these events is available at the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation's Web site at <http://www.sdbif.org> or by calling (619) 294-6541.